

June 1, 1955

Dear Luca (and Alba):

Thank you for your letter, with the draft of the first chapters. I have not the leisure at the instant to cope with them properly— after about June 15, I hope to be in a more relaxed situation.

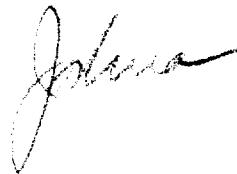
However, I thought I should reply immediately to your concern about Bob Wright. You must have recognized from my account how grave the outlook was. But since the time he regained consciousness, about 2 weeks after the accident (which was February 28), he has made a remarkable, almost miraculous recovery. He was discharged from the hospital about the end of March; continued his physiotherapy and gradually came back to work at the lab three or four weeks ago. Although he was initially hemiplegic, and then monoplegic, he has now regained his muscular functions almost completely, so he left with an annoying, but not serious, limited coordination in his left hand, and so far no other residual effect at all. Even this is gradually improving and there is nothing to impair his effectiveness in the lab. So he is actually fully recovered, the same cheerful, bright person and hardly the worse for wear, except for the cranial depression which the plastic surgeons will ultimately take care of.

I have never seen, and scarcely ever heard of anyone who could take a blow like that so well, both from the point of view of physiological and psychological adaptation. I am sure the extent of his physical recovery is a measure both of excellent treatment by the surgeon and the physical therapists, and also his own vigor and determination. The medical staff at the hospital is quite amazed; three months ago I could hardly have dared hope so optimistically as things have turned out.

I hope you will have received the bank statements you asked about. Would it be appropriate if I asked the bank to send them directly to you in Milan, as you would get them more promptly that way?

The season so far has been unusually cool— but soon there will be another opportunity to explore Lake Mendota— I will not soon forget our autumnal excursion.

Yours truly,



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